

Church News.

A LOOKOUT.

On my way to Prattville, Mich., arriving at Sherwood, and having to wait a considerable time on the train I called at the home of our esteemed Brother Shoe and family who live at that place. Brother Shoe is a minister of the Brethren church, but is not in active service at present. He informed us that the brethren at Hickory Grove were going to have a communion meeting on the 29th of September. So we made it suit to stop off and attend the meeting; this communion was held on short notice. The German Baptists and the brethren have used the Hickory Grove church together ever since the division in peace but quite recently our people were informed that after the first of October, the door would be closed against them and if they wished to have one more meeting in the church, they would have to have it within the above named time. That accounts for the short notice of the meeting.

On Sunday the first of Oct. after Sunday School, one of the deacons of the G. B's publicly announced that this would be our last meeting in the house, after which announcement, D. M. Rittenhouse, the pastor preached an affectionate and able farewell sermon, in which he said that it seemed hard to be denied the privilege of worshiping God in the house he helped to build, and gave many hard day's labor, and several hundred dollars for the erection of it, and that he hoped those who favored this lookout would see their error before the door of heaven would close against them. Many eyes were glistening with tears when Brother Rittenhouse referred to the many blessings of God enjoyed while worshiping in the church to which they must now bid a final farewell and must now leave it all without any remuneration. But in the face of all these discouraging features, our brethren at that place are not disheartened, but are by the help of God going to help themselves by building a house of their own where they can worship God without hindrance.

Brother Rittenhouse and his members are well respected among their neighbors and no doubt will receive valuable aid. God bless the brethren and sisters at Hickory Grove. On Tuesday evening following I preached in the Brethren church at Bryan. Though they were without a pastor at that time yet they seemed to be all alive and ready for duty. The members were about all present and bid me God's speed on my way. The brethren and sisters of Williams Co., are noted for their large heartedness. May the blessing of God be with them is our prayer.

WM. KIEFER.

Pleasant Home, Ohio.

THREE ACCESSIONS.

DAYTON, OHIO, Oct. 15th, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—We closed our meetings in the city of Dayton with three accessions and we now go to Pittsburg in Darke Co., Ohio, and will begin a meeting there which in all probability will last three or four weeks. We ask for the prayers and sympathies of God's dear children in behalf of the work at this point that the work may be prospered and that much good may be done.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. FITZGERALD.

FROM UNIONVILLE, IOWA.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:—I will again endeavor to write a few lines for the EVANGELIST.

Since our last report one has been received by baptism.

We are getting along spiritually fairly well. Our regular services are well attended. Our Sunday school is interesting and numbers about ninety. We are trying to have a Christian Endeavor Society. Haven't had very good success yet.

Yours with respect,

JENNIE WHISLER.

FROM ADRIAN, MO.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Having been silent for some time we will again send in our report.

We are expecting brother Swihart to hold a series of meetings sometime this month. The exact time depends on when he can come.

Also at our last council meeting, Sept. 8th, brother A. Showalter was ordered to correspond with some of the brethren with the view of getting a pastor.

We have a King's Children Society now and although we are few in numbers we are in a prosperous condition. Pray for us, brethren and sisters.

Your sister in Christ,

ANNIE SHOWALTER.

FROM BLOOMER, OHIO.

According to previous arrangements brother Summers came to Bloomer the second day of October to begin a protracted effort. He labored each evening and several day meetings until the eleventh when he was called home or was called to Indiana to preach a funeral. We were made sad to see him leave so soon, for the interest was fast growing, and we think could he have only remained our meeting would have been a grand success. Nevertheless we were strengthened in our Christian warfare, for he does not fail to preach the Gospel, the whole Gospel and nothing but the Gospel, and that too with great power and might.

As an immediate result two souls came out on the Lord's side, and another says he is ready now to unite with God's people. God speed the day when he may go down into the liquid stream to be buried with Christ in baptism. We know there would be

great rejoicing in his home, for his dear wife and daughter are devoted workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Our dear brother Coffack who had strayed off with the Christian church returned. It is discouraging to us when one of our little flock jumps over the fence to find better pasture.

But praise the Lord when they return and say, "I have strayed from home and want to come back." Then that gives us encouragement to know that men and women can find nothing better than we have in the Brethren church.

We closed with communion service which was indeed food for the soul. Our church was crowded to its utmost capacity and then many could not gain admittance. All were eager to see and hear. Brother Summers delivered a powerful sermon on feet washing; those who did not believe in it were made to tremble. One young Lutheran lady said to her mother, who is a strong advocate of the Lutheran church, "why ma, can you now not believe in the ordinances when you had them made so plain to-night." The daughter said, "I am going to go into a church where I can obey them." Had we more young daughters who would try to convert their mothers to the whole Bible. Brother Summers left immediately after communion services for Indiana, not feeling well but we hope by this time God has again strengthened him so he will be ready for another field of labor.

MRS. QUINDARA GRUBB.

THINGS ETERNAL—SOME THINGS TEMPORAL.

THE LANARK CHURCH.

I visited this church and held a meeting of three weeks, two confessions, one, a lady on Sunday evening, and a young married man at the closing of the meeting. While converts were few, the meeting will, I believe, result in good. Seed was sown that will spring up hereafter. Brother Z. T. Livengood has been very successful in this work. Last year was a fruitful one in getting members, the field had been well worked, and the meeting just closed, should have continued two weeks longer. The Sunday school is the largest in town and under brother Cal. Puterbaugh's oversight, is doing a grand work. The King's Children is flourishing, and the Juniors under the leadership of sister Emma Lichty, is flourishing. It is inspiring to see and hear the little ones. My home was with brother Levi Lichty's whose kindness I will never forget. The Sister's Society are thoughtful of the preacher's welfare; they presented us with a barrel of good things, which will be placed this winter where they will do the most good. The women are ever mindful of the pastor's welfare, and if they had charge of some of our churches in place of men, they would have some things in better shape. Brother Livengood with his kind wife and son are snugly fixed, and

are earnestly at work. The Lanark church seems to think they have a life interest in Z. T., but they had better not presume too much, as some other churches have an eye on him. There are some features of the meeting I would like to write about, and may later, as they are of interest in general. I shall always remember my visit to the bright little city, with pleasure.

THE CARLETON CHURCH.

The last night of my stay in Lanark, I received a message to come home to preach the funeral sermon of an aged friend, which I did on Friday. On Sunday at my regular appointment I commenced a week's meeting. The weather good, and congregations large, from the very start there seemed to be a good interest, and the results are seven additions to the church. On Saturday night we held our love-feast; it was well attended, and the services refreshing. One brother had come quite a distance to be with us, and worshiped in a Brethren church the first time in ten years. During my absence the church had been cleaned, new lights purchased, and a successful effort made to have things nice all around. So when you come home, brother Eli Miller, you will find the Carleton church shining literally and spiritually.

FROM OLIFTON MILLS, W. VA.

According to the former announcement in the EVANGELIST, our meeting began on the 2nd inst., and continued until the Sunday evening following. Brother George Buckilew, of Terra Alta, W. Va., was with us on Friday and Saturday evenings and helped us along in the ministerial work. We had a splendid meeting. Order and attention could not have been better than what we had. Two were added to the church by confession and baptism. Hope they may become bright and shining lights in the Lord's kingdom on earth, and at last gain a home in heaven.

Our communion services were on Saturday evening, 6th inst.

S. W. WILT.

FROM BROOKLYN, IOWA.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—This evening finds me once more seated to write you more about Brooklyn. Since I last wrote we have had a social at the home of brother and sister Dan Baker's, some three miles out in the country. We cleared \$14.11.

Sunday, Sept. 30th, Rev. Louie Gillon came down from Grinnell and preached to us morning and evening. His subject in the morning was from the 14th chapter of St. John and sixth verse. In the evening he preached from the 3rd chapter of Luke. He is a very promising young minister, full of christian work for the salvation of souls. As the sermon drew to a close an appearance of expectancy pervaded the congregation and even the enthusiastic speaker gave more than one glance